

Bristol, Jan^y 30.th 1849

My dear Mr. May.

In thanking you for your accep-
table letter of January 8th & 9th: I must
express the hope that you will not think
it necessary to write to me at any time
when fatigue or the pressure of engage-
ments renders it unpleasant or incon-
venient. On other occasions, so oc-
cupied as you constantly must be, I feel
somewhat concerned that you should
have the trouble of writing to ^{me} such long
letters, but at the same time I am of the
opinion that your labours are not thrown
away, at least if keeping up the interest
of many English friends in your cause
by affording them valuable information
be considered an object worth your
efforts? Yours account of the Fair, en-

efforts? Your account of the Fair, en-
livened by the numerous details you
have given, is very gratifying, & we are
enabled more than ever to understand
your proceedings: we can, I assure you,
appreciate the immense labors required

for your numerous arrangements,
I always wish in writing to you to
refer particularly to many of the points
contained in your letters, but this would
be more the indulgence ^{to myself} of a sick jealousy,
than interesting ~~to~~ you by new topics.
You must ^{not} however suppose that the
noticed parts of your letters are the
least valuable, or least acceptable.

I sent you by last week's mail a
copy of the "Inquirer". An effort has been
made to have this paper well conducted
so as to be properly kept up by the Unit-
body. To start it well, a number of us
have given £10 each towards the first
year's expenses. £500 have thus been
contributed. Mr. Lalor formerly Editor of
the Morning Chronicle, a liberal Unit-
has been ~~in~~ engaged to manage it.

He wrote to me a few weeks ago asking
me to contribute occasionally articles
or information on American Slavery.

This I will do, tho' I have not written
very warmly on the matter to Mr L. telling
him I was so discouraged with the op-
erty of the London Unit- as the Slavery

question, that but for his request I had no
intention of troubling the "Inquirer" on
the matter - My great object is first
to get Mr. Lator to read & become
himself conversant with the ^{subject} ~~matter~~.
to have him a genuine A.S. man,
would be a great gain. He is desirous
of reading on the subject, & I have
taken care to supply him with the
right sort of books, among them last
year's Report of the Ex. A.S.S. (the 16th)

Mr. L. most readily published an
account of an A.S. meeting, I sent him,
held here the week before last. I will
send you this copy, & you will see
extracts from Amⁿ. papers made by
Mr. L. ~~etc.~~ I went to the A.S. meeting re-
ferred, as an observer and iter in the crowd,
for I do not very cordially fraternize with
Mr. Scoble. I was some requested dis-
cuss the "Chair", and when there, in con-
sequence of the illness of the engaged Presid^t.
I was so besought to occupy the Chair

that, seeing no one on the platform who knew so much of the matter as I did, I consented, and had to open the business without a minute's previous reflection before an audience of 12 or 1500 people.

I have not however seen any way clear to signing the petition.

The "Inquirer" I sent you last week contained a notice of Dr. Prichard's death. The event has been a very painful one to our family circle. I went to London to see Dr. P. during his illness & was with him till within six hours of his death. My sister has 4 sons, one a surgeon in Bristol, another a clergyman, & with an Oxford fellowship, a third an officer with our army in the Punjab in India, & a fourth at school, & one daughter of 18. Dr. P. & I were students together at Edinburgh in 1807 - The scientific world feels a great loss in his death.

I think I mentioned to you that I wrote to Mr. W. H. Channing by Mr. Heywood to ask him about any picture of Dr. Channing, & Mrs. Chapman said she also wd. write to him. Can you ascertain if he received my letter?

2nd) I should be specially obliged
by answers to it.

The "Liberator" in its "new typography
philosophical dress" has made its appearance
on my book table, & certainly its aspect
is greatly improved. I wish I could
effect another improvement in it,
— namely, that its excellent editor
should not give those not intimately
acquainted with him such frequent
reasons for feeling a repulsion from
himself, & for distrusting his fitness
for being a guide in the A.S. cause.
I am satisfied, that I had not been per-
sonally acquainted with Mr. G. I never
should have felt the sympathy with
the Boston A.S. party that I do feel.
I cannot therefore be surprised at
the prejudices of those who may know
nothing of your movement but thro'
the pages of the Lib.ⁿ Among the
monkish, against articles in the Lib.ⁿ
which I put for future reference, (some
I cut out that they may not be seen)
I find against Mr. G.'s treatment of

what he wrote in a young Lady's Album
at Southampton only "very stupid,"
but had I not known Mr. H. I should have
been more disposed to have written
heartless, bad taste, unchristian,
destructive of religion.

I have little sympathy with Calvinistic
principles, but I am sure the orthodox
Doctor's religious sentiment in this
instance, is far superior to Mr. H's.

I cannot comprehend how a person of
Mr. H's sense & feeling could aim to de-
prive a young mind of the consoling
& elevating influences which a filial
reliance upon the wisdom & benevo-
lence of her heavenly Father in all
the appointments of his Providence,
is calculated to impart! Surely Mr.
H. must read the beautiful life of
Christ upon the paternal character of the
Deity, - of Him who "numbereth even
the hairs of our head" - with little interest
if ^{he} could aim to rob a sufferer under the
physical ills of life of her best and truest
comfort. A child with a shock of true
religion in its breast, could answer

all his argument. It is quite painful to
me to dwell on this matter. The Libⁿ con-
taining that article I could not let go out
of my house from the interest I feel in
the credit of the Boston Abolitionists &c.
Some of the language in reference to
the Duty lately published in the Libⁿ
is coarse & offensive. Be assured,
my dear Sir I write all this "in sorrow
& not in anger." { Mr. Garrison had expressed some
indignant contempt towards Dr.
Snell of N. B. Nov. 1847. See J. W. E.'s letter
of Apr. 26. 1849.

Our French neighbors, you see,
are going on much as might be ex-
pected with their King, Log, & what
confusion can ensue. The idea of a
Republic of Frenchmen, is almost
as ludicrous to any mind as your
idea of America. There was there a
Nation less fitted for self-government.
And I believe the desire of the Nation
is for a limited monarchy, which
I doubt not they will in time obtain.
Happily "Red Republicanism" has
not succeeded in Germany. A people

so badly governed as the Austrians, would
be quite unfit for entire liberty: I should
& believe that Kings will have found
a valuable lesson as well as their
people, & will see the necessity of ruling
for the good of their subjects. I doubt
not the late storms will clear the
moral atmosphere. I often think
that the two Presidents elected last
year do not do any great credit to
the wisdom & the morality of the
American & French nations.

The Howitts I hear are going to
America. With them goes, as I learn
by a letter from her, Miss Julia Griffiths
of Beckenham, Kent. I think I
have before mentioned her to you as
Day's devoted friend, & as, (so at
least I fancy) identical with Anti Slavery
with him alone. I do not know her
personally. This is a great friend of
Mr Richardson's. I question her
having any accurate knowledge
of the A. S. movement, & has probably
she

3^d/ undefined prejudices against
"the Garrison party" - but I do not
know this. He composed a song,
"Answer to Douglass," I think, with a
fine picture of J. D. upon the title page
of the music sheet. I have no doubt
she is very enthusiastic, & has devoted
much time & money to the cause.
You may probably see her, therefore
I say thus much. Her labors for
the "N. Star" is most persevering.

The story of the Bristol box & the
Arctura is curious. I am glad how-
ever the box came safely. There was
something so irregular in its ship-
ment on board the Arctura that I
had misgivings about its security.

I have looked in the "N. Star" for
some acknowledgment of Douglass's
receipt of his Memoir in French.
There would have been a suitable
note in his alluding to it there.
I doubt if he have written to thank
Miss Parker for his elegant volume,
for he cannot know her address. It
is, Cordier Hill, Guernsey.

On referring to Miss Griffiths's letter
I do not see that she says she is going
to America with the Howitts, but merely by
that she means to go about the 20th
of March, for a six months visit, &
offers to take anything for Dayliss whom
she "hopes to see."

I am glad the engraved portrait
is acceptable. It was done by Woodman
from a likeness ~~drawn~~^{drawn} much in that style
by Pennwhite of Bristol. Woodman
engraved the likeness of Dr. Carpenter
in the Memoirs: he is rather an emi-
nent London artist. He also engraved
a picture of Mrs. Hannah More.

Feb 7, 1st. Mrs. Richardson has this day
sent me her Feb 7. Monthly "Illustrations of
Am. Geo^y" of which I sent you a specimen.
She tells me 100 editors of papers receive
them. This is really a good work. She says
she is in pleasant correspondence with
W. W. Brown, who, she thinks, will come
to England & engage in ^{lecturing for} her pet project,
free labour. produce consumption. To effect

much in this direction, Brown must
rest upon his power to excite a horror of slavery
by as many personal details as possible.
In this way he may serve the cause more
effectually as Douglass did. I do not see much
good likely to ensue ^{by the F. L. G. W. & others} here (in the U. S. it may
be different) from the comparatively few
people who will take an interest in
this mode of action. If Brown do

come, I hope he will uphold your friends
with which he will find few sympathizers
among those who are labouring to get him
here. I hope he will come.

I have to day seen the lady who is the
the "Ladies C. S. Socy" in Bristol, which is
connected with the "B. & F. C. S. Socy". She
had written to Mr. Noble to know if there
were any objections, & what, to their
working for the Boston Bazaar, as well
as the Philadelphia ^{one}, but friend Noble
would never write any reply. However, on
his recent visit to Bristol, he called on
the lady, & gave to her & her family an
interesting lecture on the topic. The sum of

the matter was, that the "American & For-
A.S. Socy" was the true & working one. That
the old one was nearly extinct, in part
measure owing to Mr. Garrison's bringing
forward "No Government" & the most
offensive topics, in churches on Sunday
under the cloak of A.S. Lectures. That
he had made false statements in refer-
ence to the "Am. & F. A.S.S." was employed
for, political purposes: that
he had documents in his possession
(of a private nature however) which
amply verified all this: and that
"Liberator" was referred to for evidence
of Mr. Garrison's schemes & designs.
From all this I suspect the hostility
of the English A.S. Socy. to yours, is as strong
as ever. It is really very lamentable.

I am very glad that I took the chair
under the circumstances of the late A.S.
meeting here. But I do not see my way
clear to sign the petition to Parliament
then agreed on. I am doubtful how
far the principle is a correct one to follow

the free trade, & prevent our large masses of
our people from having cheap sugar, by imposing
protective duties for the purpose of opposing in
the ~~same~~ direction only, slavery, leaving it
uncontrolled in a far wider sphere. Still
on F. T. as an instrumentality in upholding
slavery eventually. Still I throw no doubt
in the way of those who think differently
on this matter, or who may be disposed by
my view of it, to pay attention to the subject

Nothing in this country stir up an A.S.
feeling so much as such lectures as F.
Douglass's were, & as I presume Brown's
are. I have unconsciously expended
my weight, & am obliged to end ^{on} this note.
My daughter's kind regards: it will give her
great pleasure to hear from brother May.
Let us think of your remembrance as by
Chambers's little Vol. Ever sincerely yours
J.B. Elliott

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and feel her to yours,